

# Faster and Faster Goes Herbert Vollmer in the Water

## NO DECISIONS BY REFEREES IN BOXING BOUTS

Get Idea of Fred Wenck Killed When Put to a Vote by Commission.

## PLANS FOR STATE TITLES ALSO FAIL

Memory Question Up Again and Matter Is Written on Subject to Governor Whitman.

By IGORE.

The State Athletic Commission set to the much discussed question of referees' decisions with neatness and dispatch yesterday at the regular meeting. For the present, at least, the winner will have to be named much the usual consensus vote of the referees.

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## ADOLESCENT IS NAMED AS SUCCESSOR OF BOB WRENN

President of National Lawn Tennis Association Calls for Meeting.

## NO BOXING BOUTS IN THE ARMORIES

So Says Adjutant General, but No Orders Have Been Given.

Albany, Jan. 10.—There will be no professional boxing bouts in state armories, Adjutant General L. W. Stetson declared today.

No order forbidding bouts has been issued by the adjutant general, but commanding officers of military organizations have been informed by his department that Governor Whitman believes the use of armories for such exhibitions would be unwelcome.

The question, therefore, is under the control of each commander, but General Stetson believes that no officer would sanction boxing shows known to be disapproved by the Governor.

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## PRINCETON FIVE WINS RAGGED GAME

Tigers Try New Combinations Against Lafayette Team.

By IGORE.

Princeton, N. J., Jan. 10.—Taking the floor to-night for the first time since the Christmas vacation the Princeton basketball team won a poorly played, listless game from the Lafayette five by a score of 19 to 10.

The Tiger quintet showed a lack of practice by ragged teamwork and its inability to cage the ball was only exceeded by that of Lafayette, whose single field goal was made by Taylor. Trevelick scored the Princeton points.

Princeton was trying out a new combination, and this probably accounted for some of its ineffectiveness. However, it was played at a forward, was the most active man on the floor and scored the most points for Princeton.

At times the playing got rough, and the referee, Captain Stone of Lafayette, was knocked unconscious in a collision with one of the Tigers.

The first half ended 14 to 4 in Princeton's favor, but they were unable to keep the pace and scored only 10 points to the visitors' six in the last half.

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## The Sportlight

Two eminent citizens of Portland and two ago became engaged in a brisk discussion as to which type succeeded the better on competitive play—

1. The nervous, high-strung type.  
2. Or the serene, phlegmatic make-up.

There is, of course, no answer, as both types are well represented among the leading successes of the game.

Take baseball. Here in the serene, undisturbed type we have Christy Mathewson, Hans Wagner, Chief Bender and Walter Johnson as leaders. These four rarely give way to any mental or physical furies. They take the game as it comes and they take it without a quiver. They are rarely wrought up to any breaking pitch of excitement. Mathewson and Bender stand as the two greatest money pitchers the game has ever known—for the simple reason that no matter what the test their serenity leaves them in condition to face the issue.

One might say this type was the better of the two. But then again there is Tyrus Raymond Cobb, one of the most highly nervous men that ever played baseball. Cobb is a bundle of nerves, and this nervous energy is like fuel in carrying him along.

Even more nervous than Cobb is John J. Evers, of Boston and Troy. Evers' nervous system is close to the surface. We doubt very much if any first class player in any game was ever as nervous as Evers is upon an average. Art Fletcher, of the Glants, is a highly nervous type, and so is Walter Maraville, of the Braves. Eddie Collins is another with a taut nervous system.

So one doesn't get very far here in proving that any one system surpasses the other in effectiveness.

Other Fields.

In lawn tennis Norman Brookes was one of the most nervous men that ever played—possessed with more quivers than a cat jumping sideways. And Brookes was one of the great stars of the game.

An contrary, as President Poincaré might say—and then again he might not—Wilding was exactly the opposite of Brookes—cool, poised, self-possessed and always at ease, even under fire.

McLoughlin burns up a bale of nervous energy, and so does young Johnston. But Bill Larned was about as nervous as the Sphinx. And Bill in his day could play about all the lawn tennis there was around.

Furthermore—

Neither does golf settle the debate. Walter J. Travis and Francis Ouimet are both of the phlegmatic type. Ouimet is more easygoing than the Old Man, but neither ever gives vent to any fluttering dithers.

But Jerry Travers has an exceedingly nervous nature one. He holds his nerves well under control, but for all that he is constantly fighting a network of live nerves. Hilton is even more nervous than Travers, whereas Johnny Hall, winner of eight British amateur championships, doesn't know what a nervous system is.

No Proofs.

No man can go back into the records of the game and find any proof to show which nervous system is the better.

There are certain types that seem to require a lot of nervous energy to keep them alive and alert. There are other types that break before nervousness, lacking the necessary nerve control.

When one can go back and find champions lined up on both sides the argument seems to fade out.

There never were two more nervous managers than John J. McGraw and George Stallings. Their hearts are almost torn out in the stress of combat. There never was a more quiet, subdued, unemotional manager than Connie Mack. And Mack and McGraw, almost exactly opposite types, have won eleven big league pennants between them in the last twelve years.

The Case of Alexander.

There is a strong chance that Grover Cleveland Alexander may have been unjustly created by the Fan Colony at large in the last world series.

Big Alex's showing in that Blue Ribbon was far below his expected form. It was far below the best work he did through the National League campaign. But while he is too much of a sportsman to make any complaint, those on the inside say that his arm picked up a number of kinks several weeks before the season closed, and that he was no part of the real Alexander when he stepped out against the Red Sox. This being true, it would be unfair to rate him as any world series failure. In 1908, when Matty pitched that final game against the Cubs, the big Giant's arm was so weary from overwork that he could hardly get the ball up as far as the plate on numerous occasions. He was beaten. But in 1905, when he was right, the Mackmen couldn't score off him in twenty-seven innings.

For the Test.

There are numerous occasions in sport when those who deserve to win championships through sheer ability, through no fault of their own are out of gear at the time the big test comes.

To be keyed exactly right on the day of battle is partly a matter of proper conditioning—and partly a matter of raw luck. For top form is a very brief interval, as some one has said, between getting ready and going stale.

One of the many details that help make Percy Haughton such a wonder is that he has the knack of getting his eleven mentally and physically primed to an eyelash for the big games. Against Princeton and Yale his team is right to play the best football that has in its system—far better football than it is able to show at any other part of the campaign. This takes no credit from Cornell, for Cornell, in the same way, was pointing for Michigan and Penn.

Whatever else happens, 1916 will be one of the great baseball campaigns of the decade if Miner Brown and Christy Mathewson can meet in only one old-fashioned duel. Great pitchers have fought their fights before, but no two carry any greater tradition than the old Cub star and the Giant premier.

Sol Metzger to Coach W. & J. Football Team

Former Star of Quaker Eleven Has Had a Long and Successful Career on Gridiron.

## PRODUCE AND GRAIN PRICES

Wheat Feverish, with Net Loss of 3/4 to 1 1/2 Cents—Corn Market Gains.

GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

New York, Jan. 10, 1916.

WHEAT.

Wheat was moderately active, but the situation as a whole was one of unusual quietude and the undertone was nervous, with price changes feverish. Early in the day the market worked up 1/4 cent for the local market, but after some irregular changes both ways developed weakness in the session and final quotations were at the lowest of the day.

The Liverpool market was firm owing to continued light stocks and small offers of native wheat, but while much of the advance was based on expectations of heavy export sales, the demand has not been as large as anticipated, amounting to only about 300,000 bushels. World's exports for the week were 1,251,000 bushels, compared with 1,028,000 last week and 1,050,000 last year. American shipments were 1,235,000 and Australia shipped 1,022,000.

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